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1. THE AUGUST 25 UN SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION WAS THE MAJOR

STROY IN MUCH OF THE TURKISH PRESS AUGUST 26, BUT IT DID NOT DOMINATE THE NEWS. REFLECTING MFA SOURCE COMMENTS AND STATEMENTS OF FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL IN NEW YORK (REFTTEL), MOST STORIES SUGGEST THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WAS A VICTORY FOR THE GOT. THE FACTS THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION DOES NOT MENTION THE SEISMIC SURVEY SHIP SISMİK AND THAT IT CALLS FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE RESORTING TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ) ARE OFFERED AS EVIDENCE FOR THIS INTERPRETATION.

2. PRIMIN DEMIREL, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AUGUST 25 PRIOR TO PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION, REFUSED TO COMMENT ON SECURITY COUNCIL'S ACTIONS EXCEPT TO SAY THAT TURKEY WAS OPERATING WITHIN ITS RIGHTS IN SENDING THE SISMİK INTO THE AEGEAN AND TO ACCUSE THE GOG OF ATTEMPTING TO EXPLOIT INTERNATIONAL FORUMS AND INSTITUTIONS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD MEET TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AFTER FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL RETURNS FROM NEW YORK.

3. CONTINUING HIS PUBLIC DEBATE WITH THE OPPOSITION REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) ABOUT THE RELATIVE MERITS OF THE SISMİK AND CANDARLI OPERATIONS (THE LATTER HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE RPP-NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) GOVERNMENT), DEMIREL AGAIN ASSERTED THAT THE CANDARLI HAD DONE NO RESEARCH. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION CALLS FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND SAID THAT THIS IS NO TIME FOR PETTY ARGUMENTS.

4. ACCORDING TO THE MORNING PRESS AUGUST 26, GOT SENT AN OBSERVER TO ATTEND THE AUGUST 25 ICJ HEARING ON THE AEGEAN QUESTION. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE GOT MIGHT PRESENT THE COURT A MEMORANDUM GIVING THE GOT POSITION. TURKISH RADIO AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 26 ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOT HAD "UNOFFICIALLY" PRESENTED ITS VIEWS TO THE ICJ CONCERNING THE GREEK APPLICATION.

5. ACCORDING TO AN ANKA NEWS AGENCY REPORT APPEARING IN MILLIYET AUGUST 26, THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NSP MET AUGUST 25 AND DECIDED TO SUPPORT AN IMMEDIATE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY THE TURKISH FEDERATED

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STATE OF CYPRUS. THE COMMITTEE ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THAT THE MILITARIZATION OF THE DODECANESE ISLANDS IS CONTRARY TO AGREEMENTS AND CALLING FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE DEMILITARIZATION.
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